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Following letter sent to referee on February 25:

QUOTE In a telephone conversation on Wednesday morning, February 24, 1965, with Richard D. Kearney, Deputy Legal Adviser of the Department, you requested a statement of the Department's view whether hearings which you are planning to conduct at the Tehran-Hilton Hotel, Tehran, Iran, as Referee in the cases of World Athletic Sports Corp. v. Mahmoud Reza Pahlavi and World Athletic Sports Corp. v. Fatemeh Pahlavi would be held under safe conditions. In particular you inquired whether counsel for the plaintiff in these actions, Mr. Richard H. Wels, Moss, Wels & Marcus, 341 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, would be permitted to enter Iran for the purpose of participating in these hearings, whether he would be safe from adverse action or molestation by officials or agents of the Government of Iran while in Iran for the hearings, and whether he would be permitted to leave Iran upon the conclusion of the hearings.

It is the view of the Department that the proposed hearings in the above-mentioned cases may be conducted safely in Iran and that Mr. Richard

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H. Wala will be permitted to enter Iran for the purpose of participating in the hearings, will not be subjected to any adverse action or molestation by officials or agents of the Government of Iran during the period he is present in Iran for the taking of evidence in these cases, and will be permitted to depart from Iran upon the conclusion of the hearings. Signed Phillips Talbot

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